

What is claimed is:

1. An audio storage apparatus comprising:
  - a) an audio storage unit for storing audio data,
  - b) an audio data controller for reading out the audio data stored in said
  - 5 audio storage unit,
  - c) a central controller for controlling said audio storage apparatus,
  - d) a network interface for connecting said audio storage apparatus to a network including a telephone line and an extension line, and
  - e) a caller information detector for detecting caller information from an
  - 10 input signal incoming from the network,wherein audio information corresponding to the caller information is reproduced.
2. The audio storage apparatus of claim 1,
- 15 wherein said central controller reproduces the audio information corresponding to the caller information through the audio data controller when it is judged there is a request for hearing of audio information on the basis of the input signal.
3. The audio storage apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
  - f) a group control table registering plural telephone numbers in one
  - 20 group,wherein said central controller i) when calling in the network interface from the network, reproduces the main guidance stored in the audio storage
- 25 through the audio data controller, and
- ii) when judged there is a request for hearing of an audio message on the basis of the input signal, refers to the group control table, and when the caller

information belongs to a specific group, reproduces the audio information depending on said group through the audio data controller.

4. The audio storage apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

5 f) a response message control table for assigning each caller information with a response message of each mailbox, and

g) a group control table registering plural telephone numbers in one group,

10 wherein said audio storage further stores main guidance, and said central controller

1) when calling in the network interface from the network, reproduces the main guidance through the audio data controller,

2) when judged there is a request for hearing of the response message on the basis of the input signal,

15 i) reproduces the response message corresponding to the caller information through the audio data controller, and

ii) if the caller information belongs to a specific group by referring to the group control table, reproduces the audio information corresponding to the group through the audio data controller.

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5. The audio storage apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

f) a response message control table for assigning each caller information with a response message of each mailbox,

25 wherein said audio storage further stores main guidance, and said central controller

1) when calling in the network interface from the network, reproduces the main guidance through the audio data controller, and

2) when judged there is a request for hearing of a response message on the basis of the input signal, reproduces the response message corresponding to the caller information through the audio data controller.

5           6. The audio storage apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

f) a mailbox response message controller for assigning each caller information with response message of each mailbox,

wherein said audio storage further stores main guidance, and  
said central controller

10           1) when calling in the network interface from the network, reproduces the main guidance through the audio data controller, and

2) when judged there is a request for hearing of audio information on the basis of the input signal, reproduces the designated response message assigned to the caller information through the audio data controller.

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7. The audio storage apparatus of claim 5,

wherein said mailbox response message control table includes a response message assigned to a group of plural pieces of caller information.

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8. The audio storage apparatus of claim 6,

wherein said mailbox response message controller stores the response message assigned to a group of plural pieces of caller information.

9. The audio storage apparatus of claim 6,

25           wherein the designated message is reproduced without an assignment of a mailbox.